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Dear Pastor, friends, and churches,

These are abnormal times, and many are discouraged. The lockdown caused many establishments to close and a lot are suffering economically because many lost their jobs. What is worse is that churches were ordered to close, and the faith of many believers waxed cold.

As a 65-year-old missionary, I was given a lot of restrictions. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) directive is that those who are 60 years old and above should be isolated. In the past months, I was advised twice to stay at home for two weeks because I was exposed to people who are COVID positive. I could not go to the hospital and to the church as there is a directive against old people exposing themselves to the public.

But for me I remain enthusiastic that God can still continue to use us in His work here in Zambia and Congo. He has used us to start a church in Zambia and an ENT mobile unit that can travel to different villages to help treat sicknesses and spread the Gospel. Now all activities have stopped. These are momentary setbacks and it will come to pass. As God will allow, we will continue until God will call us home.

The church services were temporarily cancelled during the month of August because our meeting place is the hospital chapel. I did not want to be blamed that I was the one bringing COVID positive cases to the hospital as there were already a lot of members from outside coming in plus the government of Zambia ordered closure of all public gatherings. Lately though, the Zambian government provided a directive that all churches can meet with precautions. We will start church services again on September 6.

We are also praying that the Mission Smile for Jesus program can resume. All my cleft my cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries were cancelled as I am not allowed to go to the hospital per CDC directive. Please continue to pray for my safety. Please pray also for the health of my wife as she is locked down in Cebu. We are praying that we can be together by November as I am planning to go home because my daughter will deliver our 4th grandchild. It will be a joy for me to celebrate the Christmas season with my family in the Philippines. After the short family holiday, my wife and I will travel back to our mission field by January 2021.

Two days ago, I was very much encouraged talking to my children in faith there at Congo, Africa. Missionary Junior Mpiana reported to me that the members of the church at Kashamata made bricks in preparation for the construction of the church building. They were able to produce 5,000 bricks already. The church in Kashamata village was started by us through one of our Bible graduates. Last year, we were able to buy a lot for the church. It a great joy for me to see that the Pastor in the Kashamata mission is active and the members are faithful. They are now preparing to dig for the foundation through the guidance of Missionary Kasongo and Missionary Junior. Please help us pray for the building construction and, if the Holy Spirit will touch your heart to contribute financially, we will be faithful to report to you even a single centavo.

Missionary Gustave Kajimba also arrived at Lubumbashi, Congo Africa on August 28. On August 30 he visited the church that he started at Birquet, Kaleboka area. The church grew in number and they already constructed a small meeting place. What the church lacks is a roof. With the little money he had, he gave \$300 dollars to buy the roofing materials. Please pray that the seed money will allow the whole roof to be placed.

Please continue to pray for us here in Zambia and Congo, Africa. Please pray that our meeting next Sunday will encourage others to come as it has been a month since we suspend our church services. Please pray that God will protect us from the disease and pray that we can be a blessing always to others and God will be glorified it what we do.

In Christ,

Dr. & Mrs. Felicidad Felicilda
Missionaries to Africa



Before & After Cleft Lip Surgery – Mission Smile for Jesus (July 2020)



Preaching at an outdoor space in Zambia, September 9



Missionary Junior Mpiana at Kashamata Mission with the 5,000 bricks produced by the members



Missionary Gustave Kajimba at Kaleboka Mission. Please pray as the church there needs a roof.